

ATHLETICS SPORTS FOR THE AMATEUR AND PROFESSIONAL.

AMONG THE LOCAL AMATEUR ATHLETES

So-called Brutality of Basketball Cited by Trenton Boxing Promoters.

OUR POLO PLAYERS IN ENGLAND

Johns Hopkins Track and Field Games Occur Next Wednesday.

Y. M. C. A. TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Results of Association Wrestling Bout. Large Entries for May 24 Meet—School for Boy Fencers—National Guards Athletics—Emerson Institute Entries.

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Boxing Was Clean.
One manager showed that the injuries caused by basketball this season alone were greater in number than the casualties of the ring for the past three years. He contended that a basketball player takes the chances of being injured by the nine other players in the cage, while the man in the ring has but one opponent. He cited a dozen cases where the game ended in a "rough house," and was stopped by the authorities, while it is a matter of record that there has been but one occasion in three years in which it became necessary for the police to interfere with boxing.

A knockout was avoided whenever possible, and when a bout reached that stage where a man had no chance of winning, the referee would stop the affair. This order of things was reversed by the basketball people. They were seemingly looking for trouble, and cared not when or how it came.

Will Ask Investigation.
Referees look upon certain cities as places to avoid because when players start trouble there the spectators always take a hand in the melee. With all of the above facts in their possession, the Trenton clubmen asked for a thorough investigation, and if basketball is allowed to continue under last season's conditions then they were boxing resumed.

Water Polo Players Abroad.
The water polo team of the Knickerbocker Athletic Club has been invited by the Royal Life-Saving Corps of England to take part in the coronation aquatic sports on June 26.

Mefferd, the swimming coach of the Knickerbockers, says the invitation will be accepted if the expenses of his team are defrayed in part, and has written the Englishmen to that effect. The men are willing to go, and are awaiting a reply before beginning training in earnest for the event.

Difference in Rules.
The game of water polo is played in a different way on the other side. The chief difference is in the matter of scoring goals. In America a player must touch the goal board with the ball in his hand, while in England goals can be scored by tossing the ball at the board. To overcome this difference in the rules the Englishmen propose that one game be played their way and one in the American fashion. If a deciding game is necessary the style of play can be selected by the tossing of a coin.

Water polo is much more popular in England than in America. There are at least 200 teams in the United Kingdom, so the Americans will have a hard row to hoe in order to defeat the best of such an aggregation.

Knights of Columbus Meet.

At the annual field day games of the Knights of Columbus which are to be held under the auspices of the New York Chapter at Celtic Park, L. I., on June 21, there are seven events open to Knights of Columbus only. As these events are not limited to Greater New York, a large entry from Boston, Providence, Philadelphia, and other cities is expected. The events are as follows: 100-yard dash, 440-yard dash, 1-mile run, putting 16-pound shot, broad jump, 2-mile bicycle race, and 1-mile relay race (four men to constitute a team).

The events open to all registered athletes are as follows: 100-yard novice, 100-yard handicap, 220 yards, 440 yards, 1-mile run, pole vault, high jump, 16-pound hammer, 56-pound weight, and intercollegiate relay race of one mile, four men to constitute a team and four teams to constitute a race.

Handsome Prizes and Special Features.
The committee proposes to make this meeting the biggest of the year. The prizes will be: Gold die medal to first, silver die medal to second, and bronze die medal to third man in each event. These prizes will be the most expensive given this year.

Several special attractions have been added to the program. J. P. Purcell, the famous English runner, will, in the one-mile run, meet all of America's crack runners. J. R. De Witt, of Princeton, has consented to throw the hammer in competition with John Flanagan.

Word has been received from J. Frank Fahey, secretary of the New England Association, that he will select a team to represent Boston in the relay race that is open to Knights of Columbus councils only. There will be special efforts made to make the schoolboy race a popular one. This race is to be for one mile, four men to constitute a team and four teams to constitute a race. Entries close with Frank W. Smith, 112 East Tenth Street, on June 14.

Johns Hopkins Games.
An annual athletic fixture in which local performers are interested is the track and field meet of Johns Hopkins University, of Baltimore. This year it will occur next Wednesday, May 14, and promises to be the largest meet the varsity has held. The events to be contested are 220, 440, 880 yards, and one-mile runs; running

high and running broad jumps; sixteen-pound shot and hammer put, and pole vault.

The Y. M. C. A. and the Central and Western High Schools may send in several entries each.

The organization scoring the highest number of points holds for one year a handsome trophy cup, donated by a Baltimore paper. Johns Hopkins won the cup last year. Entries close with W. N. Murkle, chairman of the committee at the university.

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National Guard Athletics.
The gymnasium classes of the Athletic Association of the District National Guard have closed for the year. The season has been the most successful in the history of the association and much of its success is due to the efforts of Prof. Horan, physical instructor, who at all times has been hard to build up his classes, and succeeded so well that the average at-

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The Consolation Play Was Spirited and Won by J. C. Davidson—Two Ties in the Handicap Stroke Competition Will Be Played Off Next Week—Complete Scores.

Club cup match—First prize won by John Reid, Jr., St. Andrew's; second prize, W. C. Carnegie, St. Andrew's.

Consolation cup match—First prize won by John C. Davidson, Columbia; second prize, A. S. Mattingly, Columbia.

Sweepstakes competition—Won by A. B. Leet, Columbia.

Lowest qualification score—Prize won by John Reid, Jr., St. Andrew's.

Handicap stroke competition—First prize for best net score won by R. C. Hayden, Chevy Chase.

Second best net score—Tie between E. P. Brooke, Sandy Springs, and Dr. J. M. Sterrett, Chevy Chase.

Lowest gross score—Tie between W. C. Carnegie and E. P. Brooke.

The annual spring golf tourney of the Chevy Chase Club closed yesterday afternoon in most brilliant fashion, with some of the best golf ever seen on the club's beautiful course, or, indeed, in this vicinity.

The day was an ideal one for the sport, all conditions being favorable to the best sort of playing. While the morning rounds in the semi-finals had only a fair gathering of enthusiasts, including many ladies, who, in their brilliant costumes, made a picture at the home green fair to look upon.

Was a Great Success.
The tourney was easily the most successful ever held here, not so much in point of numbers of entries as in the quality of golf which visitors as well as locals played. The club itself made rather a poor showing so far as winning prizes, having only one winner, Mr. Hayden, while the Columbia Club took three prizes, and St. Andrew's won three and is in tie for a fourth.

The handicap all-day eighteen-hole stroke competition had some seventy-five entries, and this brought out many members early, and these, together with the competitors in the semi-finals of the club cup match, the consolation, and the sweepstakes, made the course look very busy long before noon.

Interest in Semi-Finals.
The greatest interest, of course, was centered in the cup match finals. The semi-finals brought together Mr. Reid and Mr. Harban, which the former won 5 up and 3 to play. The result was rather a disappointment to the friends of Mr. Harban, who was counted on to at least give the visitor a good, hard fight for the play; but he was evidently not in form, and his best efforts availed him

Well Trained Gladiators.
The pair will step on the rosinced floor of the ring trained to the minute. The negro assisted by Young Peter Jackson and his manager, has been doing his mat work at Leipsville, Pa., while Erne had matters attended to at his home town. They will weigh in at 138 pounds at 5 o'clock.

The weight agreement is regarded by some as an advantage for the Baltimorean, who will be able to enter the ring much stronger than when he first fought the champion. The latter is confident, however, and his friends are sending out money on him to the limit.

There is also considerable bad blood between the pair. Gans has been "dubbed" white boy ever since the first match, demanding a chance to redeem himself. This was repeatedly denied until several months ago, when they were booked to go to Philadelphia.

At the last minute when the club house was crowded awaiting the boxers, word was passed around that Erne had "dubbed" whatever it was, he failed to appear. Since then a wordy war ensued, the outcome of which was the present match.

Fast and Clever.
Although both are exceedingly clever, they have different styles. Erne, remarkably fast with his two hands, may be said to be built on the order of Corbett, while Gans has often been hailed as the black McCoy. Certain it is that both are shifty and fast in the full meaning of the words.

Gans, perhaps, is the coolest man in the ring today, and as a judge of distance is without a peer. He can send over left or right with remarkable force, and at small angles. His most dangerous blows are driven home inside of his opponent's guard.

His foot movement alone is enough to puzzle many of the best in the business.